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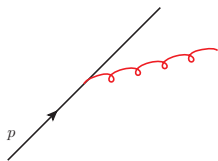
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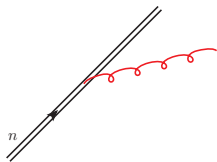
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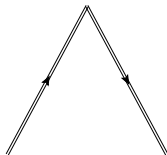
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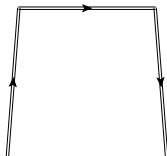
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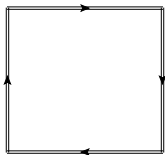
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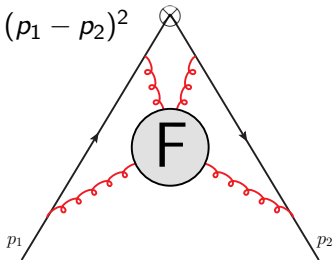
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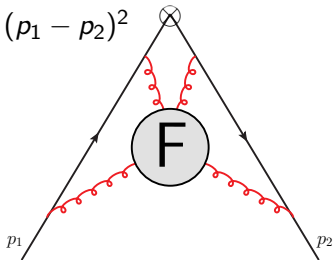
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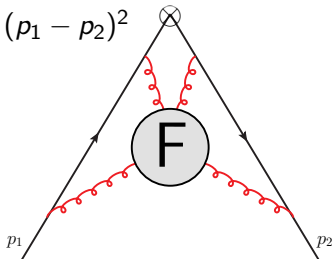


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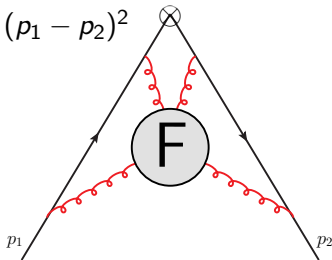
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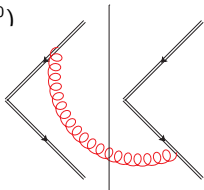
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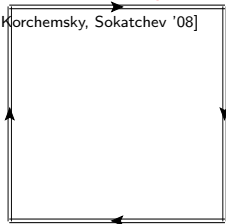
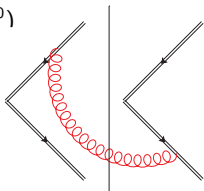
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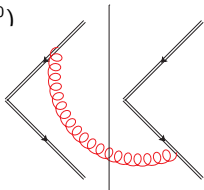
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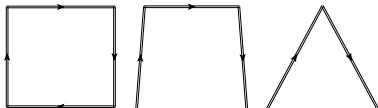
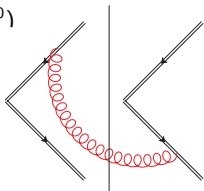
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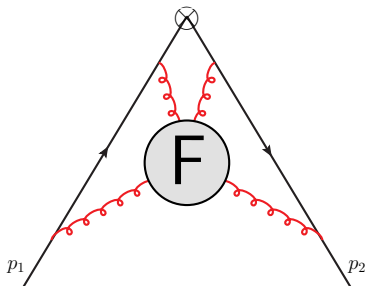
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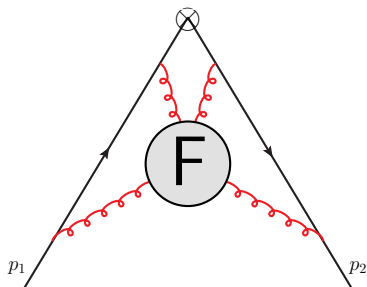


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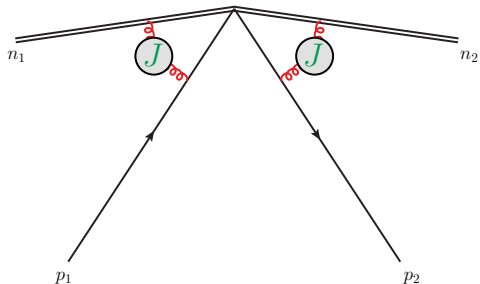
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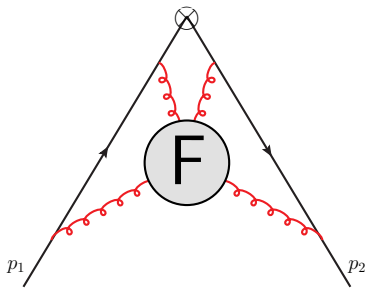
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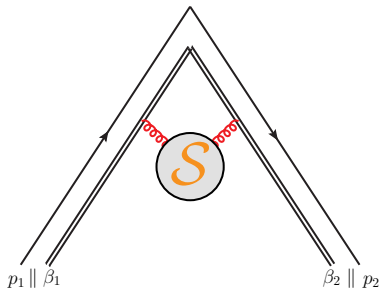
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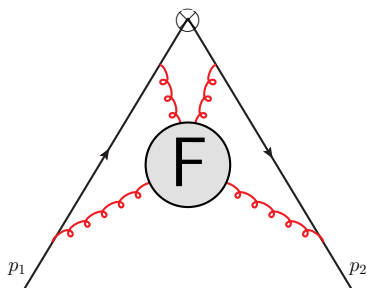
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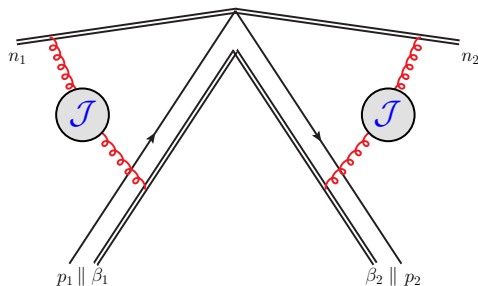
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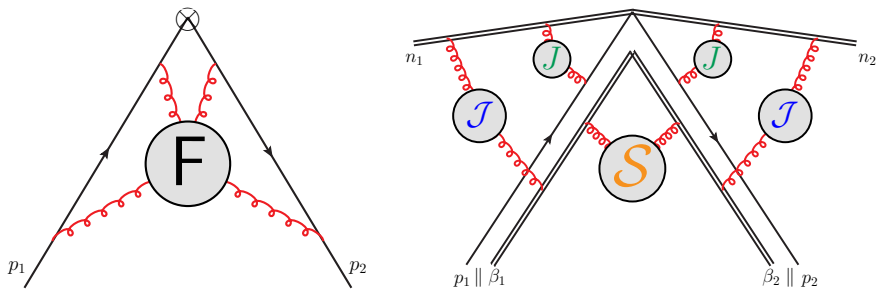
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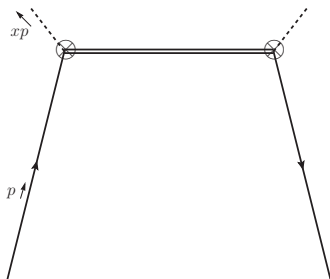
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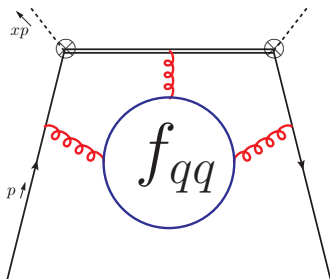
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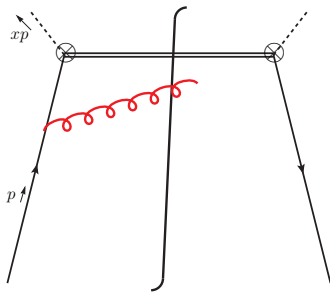
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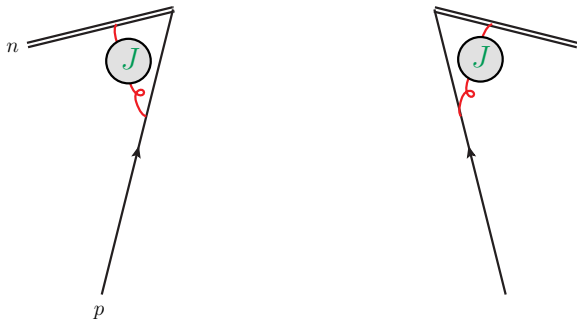


# PDF factorisation at large $x$

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- Soft gluon radiation dominates
- Implies factorisation [Korchemsky '89] [Berger '02]

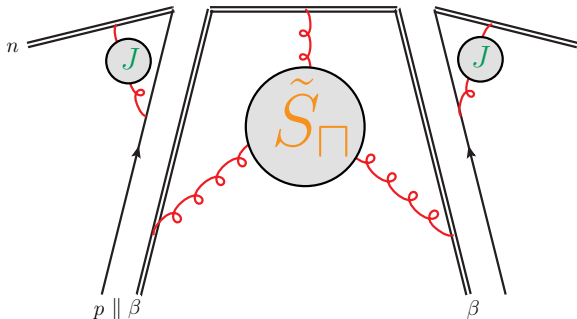


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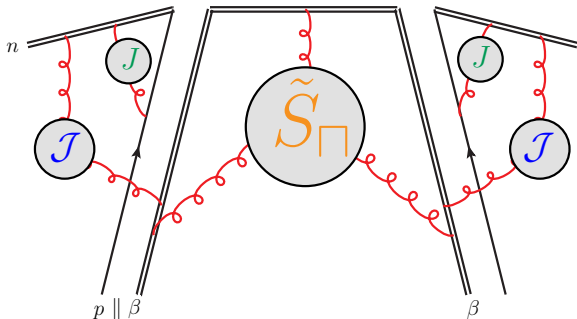
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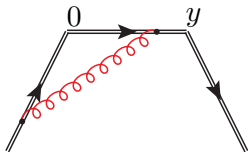
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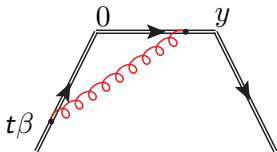


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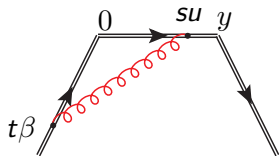


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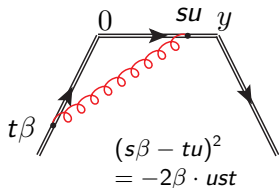


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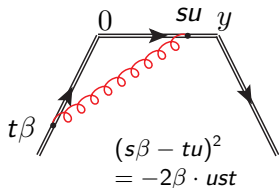
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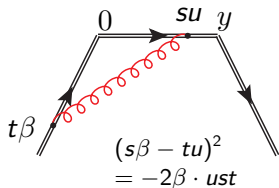
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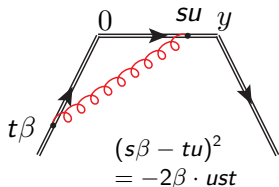


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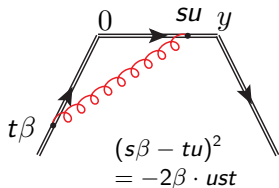
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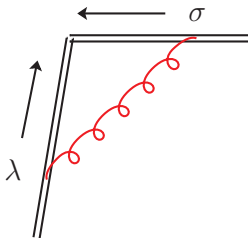
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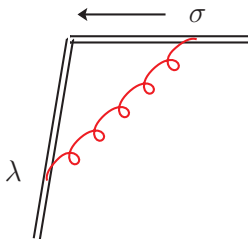


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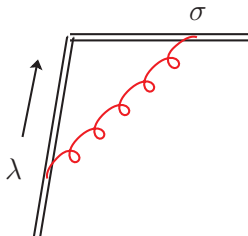


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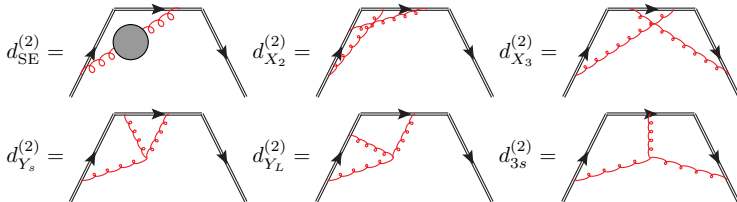
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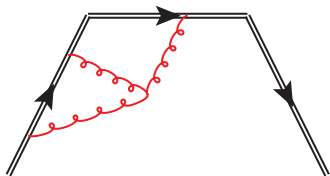
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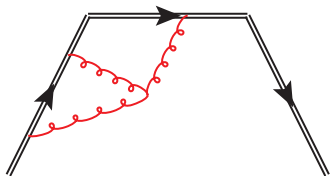
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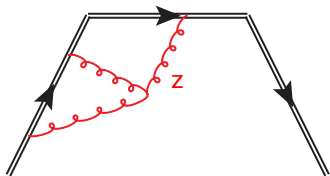


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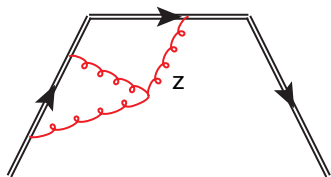


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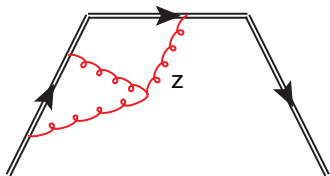
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in coordinate space  
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derivatives of positions

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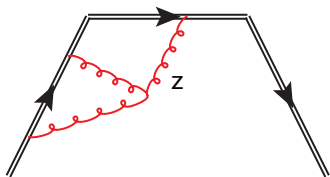
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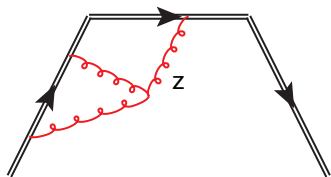
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- Again we see differing UV/IR behaviour
- $\mu \rightarrow \xi$  in log would give double UV/IR

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- Differ only in endpoint contributions i.e. finite vs. infinite length
- Blind to global geometry
- $\Gamma_{\square} - \Gamma_{\wedge} = \Gamma_{\square}/4 \implies \boxed{\gamma_G - 2B_{\delta} = \Gamma_{\square}/4}$



# Conclusions

## Summary

- We factorised a form factor and PDF
- $\gamma_G - 2B_\delta = \Gamma_\square - \Gamma_\wedge = \Gamma_\square/4$
- Relation was checked by explicit two-loop calculation of  $\Gamma_\square$

## Outlook

- Building block of finite and infinite lines, more geometries
- $\Gamma_\square = 2\Gamma_{DY}$  three-loop check using  $\Gamma_{DY}$  [Li, von Manteuffel, Schabinger, Zhu '15]
- $W_\square = 2W_{DY}$ ?
- Connection to Regge trajectory

# Extra slides

# Constraint equations for the functions

subleading AD
cusp AD

eikonal

$$\log \mathcal{J}_i = -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\mu^2} \frac{d\lambda^2}{\lambda^2} \left( \Gamma_{\mathcal{J}}(\alpha_s(\lambda^2, \epsilon)) + \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s(\lambda^2, \epsilon)) \log \frac{2(\beta_i \cdot n_i)^2 \mu^2}{n_i^2 \lambda^2} \right)$$

$$\log \mathcal{S} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\mu^2} \frac{d\lambda^2}{\lambda^2} \left( \Gamma_{\wedge}(\alpha(\lambda^2, \epsilon)) + \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s(\lambda^2, \epsilon)) \log \left( \frac{\beta_1 \cdot \beta_2 \mu^2}{\lambda^2} \right) \right)$$

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form factor

$\rho$

$$\rho = i(\beta \cdot uy - i0)$$

$$g(x) = e^{iy(1-x)} f(i(\beta \cdot uy - i0))$$

- If  $x > 1$  then as  $y \rightarrow -i\infty$ ,  $g(x) \rightarrow 0$
- Since  $\rho = 0$  only in upper-half plane

# Momentum-space $dY_L$

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convert to propagators momentum space

$$\sim \int \frac{d^d k_1 d^d k_2}{(2\pi)^{2d}} \int_{-\infty}^0 ds_1 \int_{s_1}^0 ds_2 \int_0^y dt_3 \left[ \beta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial s_2 \beta} - \beta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial s_1 \beta} \right] \frac{e^{-ik_1 \cdot \beta s_1} e^{-ik_2 \cdot \beta s_2} e^{i(k_1+k_2) \cdot ut_3}}{k_1^2 k_2^2 (k_1+k_2)^2}$$

take derivatives and integrate over  $s_2$  and  $s_1$

$$\sim \int \frac{d^d k_1 d^d k_2}{(2\pi)^{2d}} \int_0^y dt_3 e^{i(k_1+k_2) \cdot ut_3} \frac{(-i)^3}{k_1^2 k_2^2 (k_1+k_2)^2} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{-i(k_1 \cdot \beta + i0)} - \frac{2}{-i[(k_1+k_2) \cdot \beta + i0]} \right\}.$$

reconvert propagators from momentum space back to coordinate space

$$dY_L^{(2)} = K_Y \int d^d z \int_0^y dt_3 \int_{-\infty}^0 ds_1 \left[ -(z - ut_3)^2 + i0 \right]^{\epsilon-1} \quad \text{same as integration-by-parts procedure} \\ \left\{ \left[ -(z - \beta s_1)^2 + i0 \right]^{\epsilon-1} \left[ -z^2 + i0 \right]^{\epsilon-1} - 2 \left[ -(z - \beta s_1)^2 + i0 \right]^{2\epsilon-2} \right\}.$$